

REMARKS

The pending Office Action addresses claims 1-27, which are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement.

Amendments to the Claims

Applicants amend claim 1 to correct a typographical error. Applicants cancel withdrawn claims 8-27, however Applicants reserve the right to pursue this claims in a continuation application.

No new matter is added.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to an apparatus for harvesting bone plugs;
- II. Claims 8-19, drawn to an apparatus for implanting bone plugs; and
- III. Claims 20-27, drawn to a method of transplanting a bone plug.


Applicants elect the Group I claims (claims 1-7). Accordingly, claims 8-27 are withdrawn from consideration. As noted above, Applicants have cancelled withdrawn claims 8-27.

Conclusion

Claims 1-7 are thus subject to Examination. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant if such communication is deemed to expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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